

January 2025



Dear Women of Lovely Lane,

2025 is the time for us to make a meaningful impact!

In the more than 150 years in mission, our organization has changed its name more than 25 times, each reflecting the varying times from the Women's Society of Christian Service, United Methodist Women and now **United Women in Faith**. Our purpose is the same; to be a sisterhood driven by God's love with a focus on improving the quality of life for women, youth and children around the world. We will continue to act for justice and to transform communities.

Our annual pledge to the Pictured Rocks District of UWFaith supports national and worldwide missions in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean and Philippines, just to name a few. In Iowa, Hawthorn Hill and Bidwell Riverside projects have merged and will now be under one name called Families Forward which our donations will continue to support.

Our local unit here at Lovely Lane is making great strides to increase our visibility in our church. We are still committed to Lovely Lane Preschools with scholarship monies, support our local mission trips, and local charities. This past year we have made changes to be mindful of our carbon footprint, support the Fair Trade opportunities and build our UWFaith reading program and library. We have committed to educate ourselves on social issues; like labor and human trafficking.

We invite United Methodist and all like-minded women to join with us. Put your talents, energy and ideas to work. You'll find flexible opportunities for spiritual growth and ways to act for social justice, support your community, live your faith and enrich your life.

Please give prayerful consideration to your pledge as you decide in your heart what to give. You may present your pledge at our February 13, 2025 Elizabeth Circle meeting, drop it off at church or mail your check to our treasurer:

Cindy Sale
3316 Riverbend Dr. NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52411. Checks may still be made out to Lovely Lane UWFaith.

Thank you for your continued support. We have a proud heritage as United Methodist Women and now United Women of Faith. May we always be a community of caring, concerned and committed women, who continue to grow in Christian love and service.

In Christian Love,

Deb Streff
President Lovely Lane UWFaith

Meeting Times and Location

Elizabeth Circle meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 1:00 in Fellowship Hall

Rizpah Circle meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30 in Fireside Lounge

ALL ARE WELCOME!